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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dylan Reingold, County Attorney  
**DATE:** July 30, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Sebastian Inlet District Perpetual Beach Management and Sand By-Passing Easement

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**BACKGROUND.**

The Sebastian Inlet District (“District”) is responsible for constructing, improving, widening, deepening and otherwise maintaining the inlet connecting the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean located between Indian River County and Brevard County. As part of its responsibilities, the District bypasses beach compatible sand onto the beaches south of the Sebastian Inlet and within northern Indian River County. On average, bypassing projects occur every 4-5 years and coincide with maintenance dredging of the Sebastian Inlet sand trap and navigational channel. On occasion, the District may also truck haul additional beach compatible sand onto the beaches to achieve its bypassing objective.

In response to observed conditions and a formal request for consideration submitted by the North Beach Civic Association on January 13, 2020, the District Commission has authorized a sand bypassing project, via truck haul, to restore sand along the dunes in northern Indian River County. The dune repair project is currently planned for November/December 2020. The project will add approximately 50,000 cubic yards of beach-quality sand along a 1½-mile stretch of beach to the South of Sebastian Inlet starting at McLarty Treasure Museum and ending just South of Ambersand beach access.

Much like County beach renourishment projects, the District is requiring a beach management and sand by-passing easement (Easement) from all property owners within the project areas. The District is requesting the County execute the attached easements for the County properties at 12566 Highway A1A (Ambersand Beach Park) and 12900 Highway A1A. The District has requested that the executed easements be returned no later than September 1, 2020.

After receipt of the letter from Mr. Gray, Mr. Gray indicated that the District needed the same easement for the property located just south of the McLarty Treasure Museum, which is also owned by the County.

**FUNDING.**

There is no funding associated with this matter.

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**RECOMMENDATION.**

The County Attorney's Office recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorize the chairman to execute the easements for the three properties.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Letter from James D. Gray, Jr., dated July 16, 2020  
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